

FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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NOTES TO SUPPLEMENT OUTLINE

- A. Appreciation, not only for invitation to speak but for your cordial attitude toward bringing CIA to Langley -- appreciation for cooperation during past two years on part of civic and business leaders in Fairfax -- pleasure in seeing fellow government workers here.
- B. Why a Building for CIA
 1. Expansion of U.S. intelligence made necessary by post-war conditions -- what good intelligence service means to the U.S. today.
 2. The consequent increase in intelligence services after war -- CIA from one office in 1946 to 26 separate buildings in 1950 -- expense of upkeep and guards -- security risk of dispersed agency -- no bank would be likely to spread departments and money into separate buildings -- realization as early as 1947 that new quarters were needed.
 3. Authorization and funds from Congress, 1955.
 4. Controversy over site with which audience is familiar.
- C. Reasons for Preferring Langley
 1. Attractions of Fairfax County which are inescapable to anyone who looks.
 2. Nearness to White House, Pentagon, State Department.
 3. Freedom from congestion -- traffic -- parking space.
 4. Desirability from security point of view.
 5. Fact that Langley land already belonged to government -- saved expense of buying new property -- saved dispossessing any

landowner -- saved taking land off tax rolls, thus adding to local tax burden.

6. Broyhill poll of January 1956 -- 73% favored CIA -- only 17% against.

D. Present Status of Building Project

1. Don't expect anything to happen soon -- 1960 or 1961 probable dates of completion.
2. Soil experts began work testing for foundation only last week.
3. Architects still working on tentative plans; site development to begin this fall -- bids for construction may be issued next summer.
4. Road building has already begun on George Washington Parkway -- Virginia Department of Highways assures us construction will begin this fall to widen Route 123 to four lanes -- these are regularly planned state and federal projects, our part being to expedite work on them -- results will not only benefit CIA but all County residents.
5. All arrangements have been made for utilities -- VEPCO and C&P Telephone have agreed to provide their services; Falls Church has promised water; the County is fitting sewage disposal into master County plan.
6. In short, everything is ready and only a matter of time before CIA will actually be here.

E. What CIA Plans Will Mean for Fairfax County Residents

1. The building itself -- modest nature of the structure as planned -- reduction of appropriation from \$4 to \$0 to \$6 million during a period of rising costs -- will be of precast concrete, plain, economical, and efficient, but attractive -- will not obtrude on landscape -- will not affect anyone's privacy or view.

2. Further construction -- do not think many CIA employees will build in Langley since a reason for this location was accessibility to present employee residences (31% already in Virginia; 37% in Northwest Washington; 11% in Montgomery County) -- no compelling reason for people to move.
3. Affect on daily life of Fairfax people -- intelligence business is a very quiet one -- chances are people will hardly know we are there.

F. Summary of What Future Will Mean.

1. Expansion, including government expansion, into Fairfax inevitable -- Washington has doubled in twenty years -- only protection of lovely rural area like Fairfax lies in intelligent planning.
2. Planning done by members of this organization and others deserves all praise and will be appreciated not only by this generation but the next.
3. CIA believed to be worthy part of this plan -- government agency of best type whose management will have best interests of Fairfax as well as nation at heart.
6. Thanks for your cooperation in all problems faced by Agency during past two years. Many problems still to be solved -- looking forward to continued cooperation with new friends and neighbors.